Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Will the Government be pleased to state when they received the notice of these questions to the office? I had sent these questions long, long ago, after the deliberations or the pronouncement made in the last meeting of the budget session.

President.—Is it the Diwan's Office or the Secretary's Office that you mean?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—I had sent my questions to the Council Secretary in the usual course. I do not know where the delay is.

President.—At any rate, there is no intentional delay in it.

399. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform what steps have been taken by the Government with regard to the assurance given to the Legislative Council of appointing a Retrenchment Committee, and whether the Committee will be appointed within a month?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Vide answer to question No. 398.

400. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has taken any steps towards the formation of the Retrenchment Committee promised in the last session of this Council? If so, what steps have been taken? If not, does the Government intend taking any steps before the close of this year?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Vide answer to question No. 398.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—I would like to know what steps were taken. The announcement was made in the last meeting. The question is whether any steps have been taken by the Government.

President.—The composition of the Committee is being considered, and certain names are being proposed.

Heads of Departments and Salaries.

401. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing:—

(a) the number of Heads of Departments in 1090 and 1100;

(b) the monthly salary of each Head of Department in Karkadagam 1090 and in Karkadagam 1100;

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